

Dr. King's dream of unity for America did not die with him. Today, as our Nation becomes increasingly multiracial and multiethnic, his compelling vision is more important than ever, and the means for realizing it are now within our reach. This past year, as part of my Initiative on Race, Americans across the country participated in thousands of honest and open conversations about race in a sincere effort to heal our divisions and move toward genuine reconciliation. We learned much about the roots of prejudice; but more important, we learned much about how to overcome it. In community after community, in every field of endeavor from sports and education to business and religion, we discovered organizations and programs that have succeeded in bridging gaps between people of different races and cultures. These promising practices offer us both realistic guidelines for everyday action and genuine hope that we can respect one another's differences and embrace the values that unite us.

Now it is our turn to answer the question, "What are you doing for others?" As part of our response, each year since 1994 we have made the Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday a national day of service, a day on which to honor Dr. King's legacy through service projects across our country. Instead of taking a day off, millions of our fellow Americans respond to the needs of their communities, through activities like tutoring children, sheltering the homeless, making schoolyards safer, or making public parks more inviting.

Let us make this year's observance the beginning of a broader effort to improve our communities and the lives of our fellow Americans, to make the personal choices and take the personal actions that will bridge the gaps—racial and otherwise—that keep us from becoming the people we were meant to be. Working together, joining our hearts and our hands, we will succeed in building One America for the 21st century and in fulfilling the dream of Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton,** President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 18, 1999, as the Martin Luther King, Jr.,

Federal Holiday. I call upon all Americans to observe this occasion and to honor Dr. King's legacy with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-third.

**William J. Clinton**

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## Digest of Other White House Announcements

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### January 11

In the morning, the President met with President Carlos Menem of Argentina once in the Oval Office, and again later in the Cabinet Room.

The President announced his intention to appoint Thomas H. Baer, Elizabeth Holtzman, and Richard Ben-Veniste as members of the Nazi War Criminal Records Interagency Working Group.

### January 14

In the morning, the President traveled to Alexandria, VA, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate C. Richard Barnes to be Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gary S. Guzy to be General Counsel at the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lorraine Pratte Lewis to be Inspector General of the Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate David C. Williams to be Inspector General for Tax Administration at the Treasury Department.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rear Adm. Donald E. Hickman as a member of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

### **January 15**

In the morning, the President traveled to New York City, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Cheryl L. Shavers to be Under Secretary for Technology at the Commerce Department.

In the evening, the President attended a Democratic National Committee dinner and concert at the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

The President declared a major disaster in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms, ice, and freezing rain on December 23–29, 1998.

The President declared a major disaster in Tennessee and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms, ice, and freezing rain on December 23–29, 1998.

The President declared an emergency in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by snow beginning on January 1 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by near record snow on January 1 and continuing.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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### **Submitted January 14**

Charles Richard Barnes, of Georgia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, vice John Calhoun Wells, resigned.

Gary S. Guzy, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, vice Jonathan Z. Cannon, resigned.

Lorraine Pratte Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Department of Education, vice Thomas R. Bloom.

David C. Williams, of Maryland, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury (new position).

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## **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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### **Released January 11**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Transcript of a press briefing by NSC Senior Director for Inter-American Affairs Jim Dobbins on the state visit of President Menem of Argentina

Statement by the Press Secretary: State Visit of President Menem of Argentina